

CIRCULAR LETTER

Ocala, Fla., May 14, 1908.

To the White Voters of Marion County:

Under the system of local option our county has recently held an election to decide whether intoxicating liquors, wines or beer should be sold within her borders. Upon the face of the returns we were defeated by a few votes, and the saloons given two years more in which to ply their business in Marion county. You exercised your suffrage at the election, and we feel sure the majority of the white electors voted "against selling."

Once more you are summoned to the ballot box, this time to select officers. We beg you, as supporters of the anti-saloon side in the former election, to consider carefully all candidates who have come to you asking public office at your hands. Particularly do we wish to call your attention to three offices, namely, that of representative, sheriff and county commissioner. The fight against the saloon we are making state wide; and to that end there will be introduced at the next session of the legislature a resolution to submit to the people a constitutional amendment to prohibit the sale of liquors in the state of Florida. We have recently addressed a communication through the Ocala papers to the candidates for representative, and the answers we have received have been published. It is your right to demand of these candidates whether or not they will support the resolution for a constitutional amendment. Locally, failing in prohibiting the traffic entirely, our next resource is an absolutely strict enforcement of all laws regulating the liquor business. The enforcement of laws is chiefly the duty of the sheriff. Before you cast your ballot consider well the record of the candidates for this office, as that record has touched the question so near to our hearts, our homes.

Weigh well the record of each candidate, as well as the promises they now make. The past is an excellent standard by which to judge the future conduct of a public officer.

Not only do we plead with you for your individual vote, but urge that you use all your influence before, and especially on election day for those who are with us.

Yours in the cause,
MARION COUNTY ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

A CLEAN MAN

With all due deference to the other candidates for the senate, we regard Hon. Duncan U. Fletcher the best equipped and qualified of any in the race.

For more than a quarter of a century he has lived here in this city, and the man doesn't live who can truthfully say that Duncan Fletcher was ever guilty of a corrupt or dishonest act.

Although bold and aggressive whenever impelled by his duty, he is as modest and unassuming as a woman.

Possessing - naturally a brilliant mind he has embraced every moment of his existence in ameliorating his own opportunities and for the uplifting of his fellow men.

Clean, mellow-mouthed and eloquent in debate, he can hold his own with the best; and once in the senate would make a representative at whom every loyal man, woman or child in Florida could justly point a finger of pride.

As a lawyer, he stands at the very head of his profession. As a business man, he has lived and let live, and still proved a splendid success.

There is nothing little or selfish about him. He truly possesses all the qualifications and essentials that have made the big men of this country.

We earnestly hope to see him elected. We want to see him transferred from the quiet temple of the law to the more splendid forum of the senate.

When once he is there, all Florida may well say "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

The editor of this paper is not a hero worshipper. We too well know the truth of that old adage, "If you expect your friends to be perfect, you'll never have any." But we do know him to be the very soul of honor and integrity, and we know also that if he is elected, as we believe he will be, that neither friend nor foe will ever have a cause to regret it.

Again we say that we want to see him elected, and as the preachers tell us about going to Heaven, we hope to see him "enter in abundantly."—Jacksonville Floridian.

WILL GRADUATE FROM WOMAN'S COLLEGE

The graduating class, faculty and board of control of the State College for women have issued invitations to their commencement exercises from May 24 to May 27, at Tallahassee.

Miss America Fair Pillans of this county will be graduated this year from the female college, having completed the kindergarten course. She is the only graduate from this department. We have not learned in what city Miss Pillans will teach.

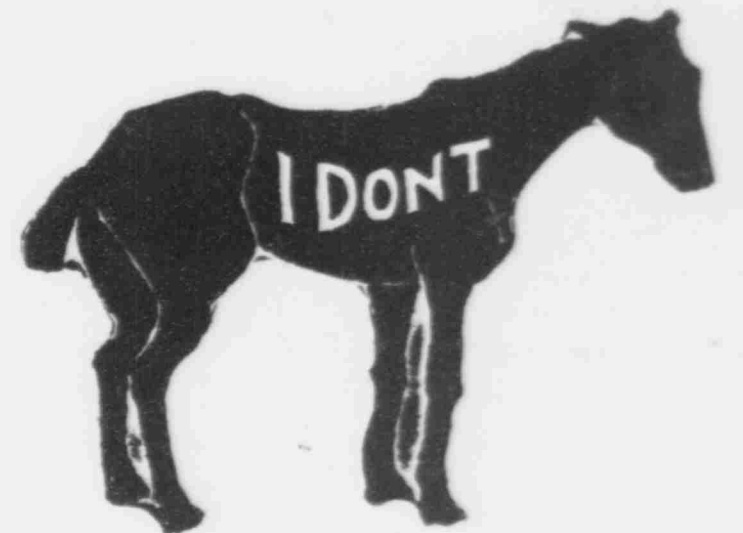
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